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Sept 15th 1837

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Mr Amos A Phelps
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Miss C. M. Tollet
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he had left Middlebury three months before it was made publick.—— You ask me "if I was personally acquainted with C. & if I was to tell you what I knew of him." In his Junior year I saw him frequently he was then very light & trifling, visited a great deal, read a good many novels, two years ago this fall there was a revival in the village, and general excitement in College (I call it excitement because so few kept their hopes) we had reason to believe Chickering had founded his hope on the rock Christ Jesus which endureth forever & ever, for nothing but the influence of the Spirit of God could have so altered his manner & conduct— he was amiable in his disposition and considered a young man of talents—— his performances at the time he graduated I know nothing about for I was not at home.—— I have no news of a religious kind with which to gladden your heart, though last Spring there considerable excitement & a few as we trust genuine conversions Our Commencement took place three weeks since— the day was fine, the exercises in general, were good. Henry Smith of Hartford Ct had the valedictory & a monody on the Rev. Pliny Fisk; the valedictory was fine & the Poem admirable.— - fifteen graduates— Our new Episcopal Church is almost completed, it will be consecrated about the middle of of next month, this may be unwelcome news to Presbyterian but I know you are not one of those stiff heads who can't glory in the building of churches & the prosperity of Zion save it be in their own way. No. I'm not neither.

I must bid you an affectionate Good bye & subscribe myself yours E. M. G.

I sure not ask you to answer this soon though if a agreeable to your I would to hear you—

I am glad for your sake your return to Andover is so soon for it must be tedious to be confined

in a school so long. Please give me a description of the place where you live for I have

known none of it:

One page has been taken up in trying to palliate my offence, perhaps unnecessarily; for how do I know but in this long time you have given heart to some fair one & have been so immersed in the recesses of love you have hardly thought of her who is absent— I will not be jealous a few lines from your old friend E. may not be unwelcomely received. How shall I continue to fill up this sheet I have nothing interesting to communicate— You desired me to tell you all about my love affairs as you term it— It wouldbvery tedious for me to detail all the circumstances respecting it; for in this, as well as in all other cases of the kind there must be many unpleasant associations connected with it.— as I do not consider ~~myself~~ that I have been in any way instrumental to its being broken off or deserving of such treatment; and satisfied the wretch will be punished according to his deserts; & that all things will eventually work for my eternal good, I wish to bury it forever in oblivion.— though were I to see you ~~I would~~ I would not hesitate to ~~you~~ tell you all about it but I cannot think of committing it to paper.—— How Chickering should know so much about the affair I know not— it is possible Bronson communicated some particulars to him respecting the engagement while they were in College but how he knew it was broken off I know not for

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Middlebury Sept 5th 1827.

Respected Friend,

Four months have elapsed since the date of your kind letter and how shall I excuse, to *you*, my unaccountable neglect? Believe me it does not proceed from cold indifference nor disrespect. Your letter found me engaged with the care of a large family & almost the whole work to do — as the season advanced the more it brought with it — Few days have passed since the reception of yours, that I would not say to myself to-day I will answer his letter; if a few leisure moments presented themselves I would think I am tired, my mind is not in a frame to write — to-morrow I must try to get time, what will he think? In this way days, weeks & months have passed — do not think I make all these apologies to let you know how domestic I am; but my mother has been unable to do anything of consequence for a number of months, & the care necessarily devolves upon me — Before this reaches you she will probably be in Farmington — I expect Sophia if not the youngest sister will return with her.

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C. M. Follet